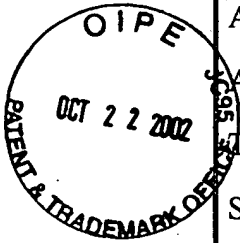


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Assignee: Cisco Technology, Inc.  
Title: Method of Reducing Traffic During Path Restoration  
Serial No.: 09/232,397 Filing Date: January 15, 1999  
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated July 17, 2002, having a shortened statutory period expiring October 17, 2002. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending claims. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the attachment entitled "**Version with Markings to Show Changes**" provides marked up versions of the claims containing the newly introduced changes.

1. **(Three Times Amended)** A method of operating a network, the network comprising a plurality of nodes coupled by a plurality of optical links, comprising:  
provisioning a virtual path between a first node and a second node of said plurality of nodes, wherein said provisioning comprises:  
identifying said first node and said second node of said plurality of nodes,

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (3) Response To Final Office Action (10 pages).

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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